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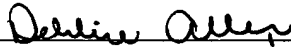
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Title: <b>Method for Producing a Tubular</b>	§	Client Ref.: <b>2001P10868WOUS</b>
<b>Spring and an Actuator Unit Comprising</b>	§	
<b>One Such Tubular Spring</b>	§	

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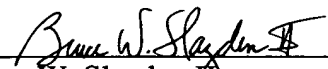
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	5	WO 00/08353	02-17-00	PCT	F16F	1/02		x

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